

## MEET THE TEMPE PLAYLIST MUSICIANS



### **Adele Etheridge Woodson**

**Song: Morena (Morena feat. Rosita)**

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Morena was part of my EP, Sunday in the Park, that was commissioned by the city of Tempe! I wanted to create a fun, catchy track with Portuguese elements to bring fresh variety to the EP! I am a freelance composer and violinist born and raised in Tempe. I feel all of my artistic success is because of the local community and artists I am surrounded by. I currently compose music for film, arrange strings for other bands, and produce.



### **Alex King**

**Song: Dialogue (Inner)**

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After a spiraling last year and a half I was just trying to be honest with myself about what happened and where I was going. The results were less clear than where they started. Maybe? Not sure... I grew up here. I love this city. Although all the other places I've traveled too and have lived hold dear places in my heart, Tempe will always be my true love! I play drums in a loud band around Tempe infrequently.



### **Alyssa G**

**Song: Let Go**

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I was in a long and draining relationship for years and when I decided to move on and break it off, I found myself in tears in my friend's dorm, guitar in hand, and humming to a few chords. I decided to write, record, and complete the song to share with others, in hope that they could see the light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to hard breakups. I love singing and it has always been a passion of mine to share my music with others to help them through things and to be a light in dark places. Life can be a lot to handle and I want others to know that we all go through the same things and have the same feelings and music can connect us all, no matter who we are or where we are.



### **Authority Zero**

**Song: One More Minute**

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Inspired by vacationing and the idea of enjoying the peace and quiet in life with no rush to get back to the daily grind.



### **Banana Gun**

**Song: Lord Have Mercy**

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It's a conversation, whether good or bad, life is about communication. Most of us have lived in Tempe at one time, that was the town that has accepted us early on.

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### **Benjamin Cortez**

**Song: I Don't Always Say It**

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This song was inspired by the sense of peace that I get when I spend a relaxed afternoon with someone I love. My favorite thing about Tempe is the diversity of the community! It is thrilling for me to be a part of a group of creative people from all different walks of life working on so many different artistic ventures that are entertaining, thought-provoking and often multi-disciplinary. My hope is that Tempe will continue to foster an inclusive arts community by giving artists and venues of all different kinds the visibility and financial support that they deserve.



### **Bohemian Insurgence**

**Song: Let the Night Take Us**

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We wanted to write a song about getting out and having fun, and really enjoying good music. I have always loved the youthful energy of this place - present even in some of the oldest residents. The arts must be playing a part in that. We need to continue to encourage our local artists to grow and take risks right HERE. THAT is how we will cultivate artists who are cutting edge and create connection and real sense of community in our great city.



### **Cheap Hotels**

**Song: Don't Look at me Like You Love Me**

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It's just a silly pop song. The band initially met when we were all going to ASU and have all stuck around Tempe since then. We're just trying to write some fun songs for people to enjoy.



### **Chrome Rhino**

**Song: I love you, but I know you're a robot**

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This song is our ode to sci-fi movies, sentient androids and the Cars. We love Tempe!!! We are a rock band from Arizona that formed after playing at the Tempe Chop Shop open mic hosted by our keyboardist Jared. Two of our members still live in Tempe and all of us have at one point. We've played many shows in Tempe and two of our members went to school at ASU. Tempe is an incredible place for arts and music and we love it here.



### **Dom Root ft. Leewater**

**Song: Suede**

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The song was inspired by love and the process of keeping love alive. Suede is a song that draws an interesting parallel between love and suede (the fabric). This song features music artist Leewater, who is a vocalist a Phoenix Resident. I am a producer and music artist looking to connect through innovative soundscapes and storytelling. I live in Tempe, I went to ASU, and I was recently a member of the Tempe Creatives Cohort, where I produced the TheraBeats project that includes Music, Poetry, and conversation about self-love.



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## Duck on Car

**Song:** Fish

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Everyone feels alone underwater, but we don't always have to. Duck on Car is a creation meant to explore the fear of loneliness through an artistic lens. I've always had about my fears and anxieties through a different world and persona. I've lived in Tempe on and off through most of my life and I've met most of the people who defined who I am as an artist and a human here.



## E Alo

**Song:** Cinco

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This song is inspired by the beautiful and rich sounds of hardware synthesizers. All of my music is created using software, so the opportunity to create a song around such beautiful analog samples was a real treat. I have lived, worked, studied & played in Tempe since late 2013. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to get my start here in Tempe, amongst amazing musicians and all around great people.



## Ellie Fern

**Song:** Just Be

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Just Be is about the struggle of being yourself in a world run by social media that pressures us to look and act a certain way. This song is a reminder to stay true to yourself and your values. I was born and raised in Arizona and have spent most of my life writing songs and performing. I play guitar, piano, and ukulele and released my debut album, Face to Face, in 2019. One of the best parts of being a musician is performing live and Tempe has a great music scene! I am currently working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music with a concentration in Popular Music at Arizona State University.



## The Ether & Tatiana Crespo

**Song:** Como la Marea (Like the Tide)

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Como la Marea is an homage to the artist's Hispanic (Costa Rican) heritage but especially Latinx femmes, who like the tide, continue moving with strength and force, despite the obstacles. There are a lot of hidden artists in the area making truly unique music and they're starting to reveal themselves more and more as Tempe offers more artistic opportunities. My hope is that more artists from all parts start to flock to the area and more new and interesting collaborative efforts come to fruition.



## Ghetto Cowgirl

**Song:** Excuses for Losers

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This song is about the time SHE BROKE MY HEART! I've lived here since 1988 and have been playing in Tempe that entire time. The music scene is what kept me here and why I fell in love with the city. The late, great Lawrence Zubia of The Pistoleros is who taught me my first guitar chords. I formed my band, Ghetto Cowgirl, 20 years ago. Pre-pandemic, I played out at Yucca Taproom, CASA and Tempe Tavern every single week. In 2020, I ran for Tempe City Council because I wanted to give back to the city that has given me so much.

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## **G-Owens**

**Song: Reflections**

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Reflections is a song about being the change you want to see in the world. A reminder that what you see is a reflection of yourself. G-Owens is an artist and songwriter, his sound is very direct and passionate, borrowing from influences as diverse as soul, jazz, R&B and Hip-Hop. To him, music is not only entertainment. It is a way to express himself and connect with the audience, whether it is free styling, releasing new songs, or sharing the stage with greats like Talib Kweli and Ryan Leslie, among others!



## **grand shabby**

**Song: Love Me Easily**

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I wrote this track with my best friend and Minnesota musician, Jack Pfeffer. I think that everyone can relate the feelings in this song to at least one point in their life. The song is overall inspired by love and the idea that certain people are worth fighting for. I'm a kid from Arizona just trying to make some cool tunes for people to listen to. It's awesome watching Tempe grow every day, so I'm excited to be a part of this.



## **Grupo BombAZo**

**Song: Remigio Tombé**

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This is a traditional Bomba song from Puerto Rico about love potions. Our favorite thing about Tempe is the small town/big city vibe. Tempe has everything!



## **Haley Green**

**Song: Coyote**

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I was riding my bicycle home on Kyrene super late one night and encountered a lone coyote on the train tracks. We both stopped and stared at each other for a few min and then moved on. This was one of those songs that just pops out, finished -- I got home a few minutes later, immediately grabbed my guitar and recorded it on my phone almost word-for-word as you hear the final version here!



## **Hot House Orchids**

**Song: Roads**

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Roads is a bittersweet love song. Two Valley lovers ponder the direction their lives may take if one moves to San Francisco. I am a musician and community builder. I moved to Tempe from Phoenix in 2020 during the pandemic. Pre-Covid, I helped establish the Coronado Porch Concert Series, WayneFest, and Guitar Church.



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### Jane Vanderbilt

**Song:** LET'S GET UP

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This song was made to get people grooving and dancing! I am an American singer, songwriter, producer & DJ. I am an ASU Graduate with a B.A in Communications ! I live in Tempe and have been a pioneer in the electronic music scene and I am part of, powered by & resident DJ for [www.adscopemedia.com](http://www.adscopemedia.com) and [www.moonbase.media](http://www.moonbase.media) (GestaltTheoryPresents) both local companies in the heart of Tempe Arizona 85281



### Japhy's Descent

**Song:** Owl

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Owl is part of our album, Christopher Robin. We wrote the song while attending our drummer's wedding and after reading the Tao of Pooh by Benjamin Hoff. Japhy's Descent has been playing in Tempe since 2009. Our members support local open mics, non-profits and other community groups.



### Jo Z

**Song:** Golden Eyes

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Golden Eyes is a song that deeply signifies young love and romance, while identifying and admiring the art of love. I'm a passionate 19 year old half Thai-American girl, who loves producing and writing music since I was young. I love the lake in Tempe, and it's also perfect to take sunset pictures when the weather cools down.



### Joey Gutos

**Song:** Everything (That I Need)

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I was born in Arizona, and most of my life's experiences have come from this incredible state. I wrote this song to pay homage to this source of much of my artistic inspiration. The song was included in the short film "Adventure Lives At Home" by AZ film maker Dylan Harris, whose aim was to shine a light on all of the wonder Arizona has to offer. From A to Z, you're EVERYTHING THAT I NEED! I hope the Arts continue to flourish and illuminate all the beauty in our community and the rest of the world.



### Jaddyn & Jordan Clark

**Song:** Criminal

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This song was a way for me to express my emotions of a recent heartbreak. Through that experience I wanted to create a song that people could relate to. Song writing has always been an outlet for me to Channel my energy into something positive.

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### Leon Santiago

**Song:** Man on the Water (Building a Fire)

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It's a primitive song about the impermanence of life and all the beauty that it inspires. Just dancing my own unique tarantella to sweat the poison out, like everyone else, I suppose.



### Man and Robot Society

**Song:** Auto Pilot

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The distinction between humans and machines will someday be almost unrecognizable. The merging of man and machine has begun. This is the driving theme behind 'Man and Robot Society' and its song Auto Pilot, which is a song about technology controlling our future. I have lived in Tempe since 1982 and owned a house in the ASU district since 1996. My house features a really nice large dedicated recording studio - MARS Studio. Although I've played in numerous bands, my current project is a solo one.



### Marilyn K. Clark Silva

**Song:** Air

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Air is from a larger work titled "Elemental" that describes the various aspects of our interaction with the basic elements of life through sound. I love that there is so much art in Tempe, and hope the arts continue to grow and be supported.



### Mill's End

**Song:** Sight Seeing

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The song is a love song that revolves around travel. The singer finds his soul mate and they fall for each other through various trips as varied as Ireland and a baseball game. Everyone in the band has lived or played in Tempe. Singer Jeff Bump and Drummer Mike Eckert played many shows on Mill Ave. during it's glory days in the 90s. The band's name is taken from a now closed coffee shop on Mill Ave. where Jeff and the original guitar player used to meet to write songs.



### M A S U N O

**Song:** Wait for Me

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When you are feeling stuck, but know that you are worth it enough to ask a friend, "Wait for Me." It's about love and vulnerability. It's about connection. M A S U N O, producer/percussionist, has been living in and adding to that Tempe vibe since 2005. Through deep study of Afro-Latin percussion, drum machines and samplers, M A S U N O's music adds another layer that rhythmic connection of the past and the future. Beats. Ritmo. Life.



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### **OxDos**

**Song: Zoom**

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"Zoom" was inspired by sights and sounds experienced on a walk down Mill Avenue one Friday night. Julia is sending her clarinet sound through a Whammy delay pedal and a ring modulator, and Josh is playing a Korg Polysix keyboard and a custom made Aceto Ribbon Synthesizer. OxDos is an electro-acoustic duo made up of Julia Loughheed and Josh Oxford. The pair met while working on doctoral degrees at Arizona State University, and started making music together to explore the sound possibilities of clarinet and synthesizer. Josh and Julia typically rehearse at Josh's apartment in Tempe, after eating lunch in Mitchell Park.



### **Poranguí**

**Song: Danza Del Viento (El Búho Remix)**

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Danza del Viento meaning "Dance of the Wind" invokes the powerful forces that carved out the great canyons of the southwestern United States and the sacred red rock country of the Sinagua, Hopi and Diné where Poranguí has spent much of his life. It is a song to the winged nation and our ancestors whose spirits continue to guide us upon the whispering winds. Sung in multiple languages including Quechua, Lakota, Spanish and Portuguese, Danza del Viento captures the cross-cultural spirit of Poranguí as a Pan-American artist.



### **Remi Goode**

**Song: Safe Silence**

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Safe Silence is about a complex friendship. We were close, but we didn't spend a lot of time talking and it felt comfortable. I wrote the song about the last night we saw each other before she left for college, when we listened to music and watched the sunset. I am a trained classical guitarist and choral singer turned singer-songwriter, who grew up on 80's contemporary folk music. I started writing alt folk/pop music around age 13, and I try to write with honesty and introspection.



### **REMMI**

**Song: Ångström (Dream)**

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I suddenly lost my younger brother in 2017. I wrote this song about the dreams I had of him after he was gone. When you're lose someone, that space between death and life feels razor thin. This song is about all of those experiences. I moved to Nashville in 2013 to pursue a music career. After a few years there, I started getting my songs placed in Netflix shows, cable shows and advertisements. In 2018, my song "DYT" was featured in the Apple iPhone X ad campaign. During this time, I would come visit Tempe with my partner (a native Phoenician and ASU grad) who I met in Nashville. In 2019, we decided to move to Tempe to be closer to our family and our new niece. It was a leap for me to move away from Music City, but Tempe has a special kind of energy to me. Tempe's investment in parks, neighborhoods and culture made me want to be here.



### **Rozotadi**

**Song: Armani**

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I witnessed my friend who had so much potential die in front of me... The song is about the healing process about losing someone. Rozotadi is an independent alternative rap artist, songwriter, and producer from Tempe, AZ. His music offers a powerful listening experience coupled with sonic landscapes and narratives. Inspired by Sampha, Little Dragon and comparable to Childish Gambino; Tadi is creating the soundtrack for a whole generation of Bigheads.

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## Scattered Melodies ft. Haley Green

**Song: Community**

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Our song is about the importance of your community, and how being a positive influence will make the world around you a better place. Making a change in the world can feel overwhelming, however it's a lot easier to make a positive change in our communities. "I'm gonna spread my love and songs, in my Community." Scattered Melodies was conceptualized in Tempe back in 2012. Some of our best shows have been in Tempe, we absolutely love the vibe & energy here and always feel connected to our Tempe audiences through their evident love for live music.



## SD Himmel

**Song: Alone Sometimes**

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This song is about realizing the scope of existence in the world and how that helps one place less importance on their problems.



## Secret Tween

**Song: Black Light, Orange Hoodie**

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I have always felt welcome in this city, even when I was a kid attending Kyrene Del Norte. This city promotes and encourages people doing the right thing. I wanted to make a song that is relaxing, mellow and leaves room for introspection. The song title comes from a scene in the film, Uncut Gems starring Adam Sandler.



## Snailmate & Coolzey

**Song: Hot Sauce for Blood**

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Hot Sauce For Blood is about to depth of human greed and our real purpose in this world. Just kidding, it's about hot sauce. Enjoy! Kalen (synths) and Bentley (drums) of Snailmate met at the now-defunct (but forever legendary) Long Wongs in Tempe! We hit the road in 2015 as a band, and the rest is history.



## Solh

**Song: Weaknesses**

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A lot of my life, I tried to hide my mistakes or failures, afraid that I would not be accepted or loved because of them. We all have weaknesses, but for some reason, I was much more willing to show grace to others than to myself. One of our favorite things about Tempe is the diversity and life that happens here, where you can run into some many people of different cultures. Our hope for Tempe is that it continues to foster an artistic community, which is why we love this whole Tempe Playlist project, because it has brought so many different people together that were strangers before.



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## **Sophia Bavishi**

**Song:** ya we broke up

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This song was inspired about a break up I had at the end of my senior year in high school. I currently live in Tempe where I have been going to ASU for the past two years on the Tempe campus. I have been singing since the age of 9 and have many new and exciting things on the way!



## **Stylz the Artiste ft. Zaris Adonis**

**Song:** AFTY

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This song was inspired by seeing love all throughout the city and wanting to express my desire to love someone I barely even knew. I started creating music 3 years ago to learn how to accept myself and hopefully show others how to except themselves as well. Through that, I have to accept all sides of me, thus as a man of many styles, Tempe and the community allowed me to be reborn and complete. I hope when people listen to my music they have the same feeling.



## **Taylor Andersen**

**Song:** Color of Your Love

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A somewhat spiritual song connected with the beauty of our world and creation, it's just a feel good Beach Boys vibe that came to me after seeing a beautiful Arizona sunset on a walk with my son. I moved to Tempe to study at ASU in 2008, and quickly knew I'd be staying for the sunshine. Over a decade later, I'm still here and call Tempe home. As an artist, I'm always inspired by the eclectic and creative vibe of our city — and hope that my music inspires others to create, too!



## **The Maya Spectra**

**Song:** Where I'm Coming From

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Where I'm Coming From is about understanding and accepting that not everyone lives in the same realities. It's about not getting caught up in forcing your personal truths on others, and if that attitude isn't reciprocated, keep moving forward! We love that Tempe is centrally located which means it's accessible to most peeps in the Phoenix Metro Area, our hope is that Tempe continues to prioritize and empower LOCAL artists because that is where the heart of the scene lies!



## **Therosia**

**Song:** I Ain's Got No Time

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This song is about being faithful to the purpose and person in your life

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### Turn Zero

**Song:** Animal

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This song is about realizing that you're trying your best to make something work, but acknowledging that you're in a toxic relationship and that the other person is better off without you. Turn Zero was formed by original members John and Emily who were located in Tempe. Both attended ASU and really connect to the music scene in the area. Their goal as a band is to create music that not only can the general public rock out to, but that people can also listen to when they're going through hard times to let them know that they are never truly alone.



### Scott Jeffers Traveler

**Song:** The Sun Will Rise

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This song was written on a motor bike while riding up the coast of Turkey looking out at the beautiful emerald green water and the distant Greek islands. Lyrics inspired by a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "Strength does not come from physical capacity, it comes from an indomitable will." I am a composer vocalist, violinist and multi-instrumentalist of exotic instruments. I travel to foreign land and write music on my treks inspired by the journey. I have lived in Tempe on and off for 20 years, I love the artistic vibe and the support of live music in Tempe.



### Tireek & Lonely Leonard

**Song:** Hold On

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We got inspired to make this song by examining our own lives and the lives of those around us. We noticed that in our community people aren't given a lot of hope, love or support and we wanted to tell people to basically hold on to faith and their dreams because things will always get better. Both Tireek & Lonely Leonard are born and raised in the east coast. They bonded over their love of hip hop/rap after meeting at ASU. Since then the two have had a very solid and creative collaborative relationship.



### Uvon

**Song:** Stuck in Traffic Blues

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Stuck In Traffic Blues is a song I started writing as I drove from one school to another supervising student teachers as a requirement of my graduate assistantship at Arizona State University. The traffic reporters on my car radio would talk about being "stuck in traffic in the heavy slow and go." I received my doctorate from ASU in 1984 and upon graduation I began teaching for the Maricopa County Community College District as well as performing at local community events and clubs in Tempe. I had been singing for many years and it was great to resume my singing career. In 1999, I was the writer/singer on a CD that I produced with all original songs. In September, 2000 it was the #1 Blues CD at Virgin Megastore in the AZ Mills Mall, Tempe. The song "Stuck In Traffic Blues" is on the CD.